

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. This country is great because of the diverse regions and the many cultures that have contributed to America . I watch the local news because it is local. The national news is good as far as it goes but the trend towards national news at the expense of having reporters overseas is an alarming one and a decision that I think is mostly \$\$\$ based . Cable TV is providing alot of new voices to the mix and this is good. But not everyone can afford cable or satellite tv. which makes it important that organizations such as the FCC are watchdogs and don't allow the Sinclairs of this world to take advantage of their position which is one of trust. The use of the airwaves is a privilege, not a right and they are profiting from it. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.